

House Resolution No. 446

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Jerry Ellis lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Jo, during a solemn ceremony in 1954; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jerry and Jo Ellis have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Sean and Lorie Ann Ellis of Burnsville, Minnesota, Lori and Ewald Winker, Jr. of Eureka, Missouri, and Kelly J. Ellis of Coconut Creek, Florida; and their grandchildren, Karl and Kurt Winker of Eureka and Leah and Mackenzie Ellis of Burnsville; and

Whereas, Jerry Ellis has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a professional artist for the past twenty-four years and a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Jo Ellis has further distinguished herself as co-owner of the Carthage Route 66 Tea Room, prior to which she was the Carthage Bureau Chief for The Joplin Globe and a news and feature writer for The Carthage Press; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Jerry and Jo Ellis have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, residents of Carthage, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on December 18, 2004, at the Carthage Route 66 Tea Room:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jerry and Jo Ellis and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ellis.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hunter
District No. 127

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 446, adopted February 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker